Exhibit 3: Letters of Support

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November 15, 2005

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Oakland, California

RE: Guerneville River Park Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in support of the grant application to the Coastal Conservancy for Guerneville River Park.

The Guerneville River Park is a proposed 8.8-acre park on the Russian River and located in the town of Guerneville, Sonoma County. This park would provide year-round public access to the many residents and visitors who come to the area each year. The grant proposal submitted to the Conservancy would support the development of this new park, including family and group picnic sites, open grass areas, an amphitheatre, restrooms, parking, pathways, and nature study areas. The total cost estimate for this project is \$530,000, with \$200,00 in proposed grant funding by the Conservancy.

The County of Sonoma strongly supports improving access for county residents and visitors to the natural resources provided by the Russian River. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Cordially.

TIM SMITH Chairman

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

cc:

Elizabeth Tyree

Department Analyst

Regional Parks Department

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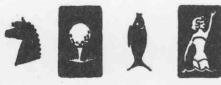
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## Russian River Recreation and Park District

P.O. BOX 195 • GUERNEVILLE • CALIFORNIA • 95446



November 16, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Guerneville River Park

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Russian River Recreation and Park District supports Sonoma County's Application for funds from the California Coastal Conservatory for Guerneville River Park. The Russian River provides recreational opportunities to millions of Sonoma County visitors each year, yet only a small portion of the 100 miles of riverfront land is publicly accessible. Guerneville River Park would be a new park on the river and located in the town of Guerneville, thus providing increased public access and other amenities to residents as well as visitors.

Development of a park in the center of Guerneville has long been a desire of the community. The proposed development in this new 8.8 acre park would include family and group picnic sites, open grass areas, an amphitheatre, restrooms, parking, pathways, and nature study areas. The park would be Guerneville's only publicly owned, year-round facility on the river if developed.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Once again, we fully support Sonoma County's efforts to develop Guerneville River Park and the current grant proposal before the Conservancy. Please keep us apprised of the progress of this application.

Sincerely,

Dana Zimmerman

Chairman of the Board

Cc: Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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## Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Housing Authority • Redevelopment Agency 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-4107

November 16, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Oakland, California 94612

RE: Guerneville River Park

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Russian River Redevelopment Project in support of Sonoma County's application for funds from the California Coastal Conservancy for Guerneville River Park, and as a funding partner. The proposed park is in the Russian River Redevelopment Project Area. The locally-elected advisory committee for the Redevelopment Project thinks so highly of the new park that it has recommended \$125,000 from redevelopment funds to offset part of its construction costs.

The Russian River area provides recreational opportunities to many thousands of Sonoma County visitors each year, yet only a very small portion of the hundred miles of riverfront land is publicly accessible. Guerneville River Park will be a new park on the river across from the Town of Guerneville, providing increased public access and other amenities to both residents and visitors.

Development of a park in the Guerneville area has long been a desire of the lower Russian River community. The proposed development in this new 8.8-acre park will include family and group picnic sites, open grass areas, an amphitheatre, restrooms, parking, pathways, and nature study areas. When developed, the park will be the area's only publicly owned, year-round facility on the river.

Thank you for your consideration of the County's proposal. It clearly supports the objectives of the Russian River Redevelopment Project.

Sincerely,

**Brent Smith** 

Redevelopment Manager

cc: Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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November 18, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway Oakland, California 94612

Guerneville River Park RE:

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in behalf of the Sonoma County Parks Commission in support of Sonoma County's grant application for Guerneville River Park.

Guerneville River Park would be a new 8.8-acre park on the Russian River and located in the Town of Guerneville, Sonoma County. This park would provide year-round public access to the many residents and visitors who come to the area each year. The grant proposal submitted to the Conservancy supports development of this new park and includes family and group picnic sites, open grass areas, an amphitheatre, restrooms, parking, pathways, and nature study areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal. The Parks Commission endorses the efforts to develop and open a new Guerneville River Park and supports the grant proposal currently before your agency.

Sincerely,

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cc: Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

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